

HA-1369

1872

Whitaker House  
105 E. Broadway  
Bel Air  
private

A very good example of the Victorian front gable house, the Whitaker house also has a fine front porch with distinctive carved brackets on the chamfered posts. It is also a good example of the almost infinite expansibility of this L-shaped house form. The west side porch has been enclosed and a second story added to it, the shed kitchen on the rear has had a second story added to it, and a whole two story west wing has been added. One of the reasons why this basic L-shaped three rooms and a hall downstairs and three bedrooms upstairs floor plan was so popular was the way it could be enlarged as family needs changed.

Acquilla and Octavian Whitaker built this house in 1872. The Whitaker Brothers built several store buildings on Main Street and were responsible for opening Lee Street.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1369  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Whitaker House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

105 E. Broadway

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER apts.**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lavinia Bradford Hager

Telephone #: 838-5310

STREET &amp; NUMBER

105 E. Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland. 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 269

Folio #: 229

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	1951	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story aluminum sided house is at 105 Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The main block has a gable roof, with the front ridge line running east and west. A front gable breaks this roof line. The back building of this block has a gable roof whose ridge runs north and south at right angles to the front. A side wing, also with a gable roof, extends to the west. This wing was built in 1951. A single car garage with an east-west gable roof is attached to the east elevation at the south end.

The windows in this three bay house are 6/6 double hung sash with the exception of the two windows on the first floor front (north) which are long 2/2. The upstairs addition (west elevation) has 8/8 double hung sash. The enclosed porch (west elevation) has two sets of triple 6 pane casements. The windows to the wing are 8/8 also. The windows on the front (north) and the east elevation are framed in louvered shutters.

A hipped-roofed porch carried on chamfered posts with jig-sawn brackets and a plain balustrade shelters the first floor front (north). The entrance is in the west bay of the north elevation. It is composed of a two pane transom and a door with glass up and two panels down.

The house was apparently originally two rooms up and down with a shed kitchen. Besides the present front porch, a porch ran the length of the west elevation as well. One entered into a hall; the living room was to the left. A door at the south end of the hall opened to the side porch, and the dining room had a door from the living room to the west of the fireplace and one to the side porch where the dining room door is today. In 1951 Mrs. Hager's brother enclosed the side porch and built a second story room on it. He enclosed a portion of the resultant wide hall in the south end and put in a powder room. The living room was widened by the removal of the old hall wall, the living room-dining room door was removed, and the dining room door to the (former) porch was widened into a square arch opening. The living room mantel was replaced with a new chimney breast entirely of brick. The dining room mantel with square paneled colonettes and a plain frieze is original.

The kitchen is to the south of the dining room and is accessible from that room and the west hall. An enclosed back staircase is in the north wall of this room.

The closed string staircase with two dog legs, square paneled newels and plain balusters looks late 19th century or early 20th century. The woodwork throughout the main block is entirely plain.

There are three bedrooms and a bath upstairs as well as access to the west wing. The west wing is two story in the main with a one bay single story at the west end. This portion of the house, built in 1951, does not contribute to the significance of the site.

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1872	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Jacob Bull?
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			

This frame house with the front gable is typical of the houses built in Bel Air in the 1870's and early 1880's. Broadway has the largest concentration, but there are other, smaller, houses to the same plan on the Baltimore Pike and throughout the Hays Addition. This one was built, possibly by Jacob Bull, in 1872 on land that Aquilla Whitaker and his brother Octavian bought from Dr. William Munnikhuysen (27/203). The Whittakers lived there, apparently. Acquilla Whitaker and Josephine, Octavian's widow, sold the house to Edwin H. W. Harlan in 1919 (164/14); Harlan sold it the next year to Robertine Spencer (169/5). Spencer sold it to Edgar Reed (1926, 195/477) who lost it during the depression a defaulted mortgage. Alan Wood bought it at auction for \$4000 (241/388) and sold it the next month to William N. Ensor (1936, 242/50). The Ensors sold it in 1941 to Lavinia Bradford (Hager), (269/229). Mrs. Hager has lived there ever since.

In 1951 Mrs. Hager's brother added the west wing which the Hagers rent as an apartment. He also enclosed the side porch (west) and made it into a hall. The door between the living room and dining room was closed up and a new dining room door cut from the hall. A small bathroom was cut off the south end of the hall, and a new brick mantel was built in the living room. Upstairs a room was made over the hall (former side porch). These appear to be the only changes made to the building.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #557 in the Town of Bel Air,  
97½'x 225'

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

8 May 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1369

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
Hager House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
Whitaker House

PRESENT USE: private residence

ORIGINAL USE:

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:  
Aquila & Octavian Whitaker

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good (X)  
Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1872

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 105 Broadway  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

COMMON NAME: Hager House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence

OWNER: Lavinia Bradford Hager  
ADDRESS: 105 Broadway  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (X) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings (X) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 65' plus  
wing & garage

Entrance Location: Broadway

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Windows 2/2 1st story long rest of org. block 6/6  
 carved brackets porch, 1 plain balustrade louvre shutters  
 entry w bay 2 pane transom; door glass pane over 2 panel  
 has been enlarged doubled in size back then a wing to the w  
 lr mantel new brick square  
 dr mantel orig. panel sides plain frieze  
 upstairs 3 br.  
 staircase closed string square posts & balusters  
 (looks early 20th century)

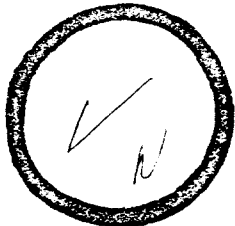
## RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1949

porch enclosed c1950  
 apt. c 1950  
 rented before 1941  
 rental before that

## REFERENCES:

## MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



*Franklin*

## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
 Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
 Residential(X) Commercial(X)  
 Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
 Roadside Strip Development( )  
 Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

3 August 1977

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 105 BROADWAY

269/229                    1 November 1941  
William N. Ensor and Elizabeth, wife  
                         to  
Lavinia B. Bradford  
southeast corner Broadway & Franklin  
97½ x 225

242/50                    23 July 1936  
Alan Wood, 3rd, and Elizabeth, wife and  
Frank Hays Jacobs, Jr. assignee  
                         to  
William N. Ensor and Elizabeth, wife

241/388                   24 June 1936  
Frank Hays Jacobs, Jr., assignee of mortgage  
(240/32) by Edgar Reed  
at public auction  
                         to  
Alan Wood 3rd  
\$4000

195/477                   26 February 1926  
Robertine Spencer and John, husband  
                         to  
Edgar S. Reed

169/5                    8 March 1920  
Edwin H. W. Harlan and Margaret, wife  
                         to  
Robertine Spencer

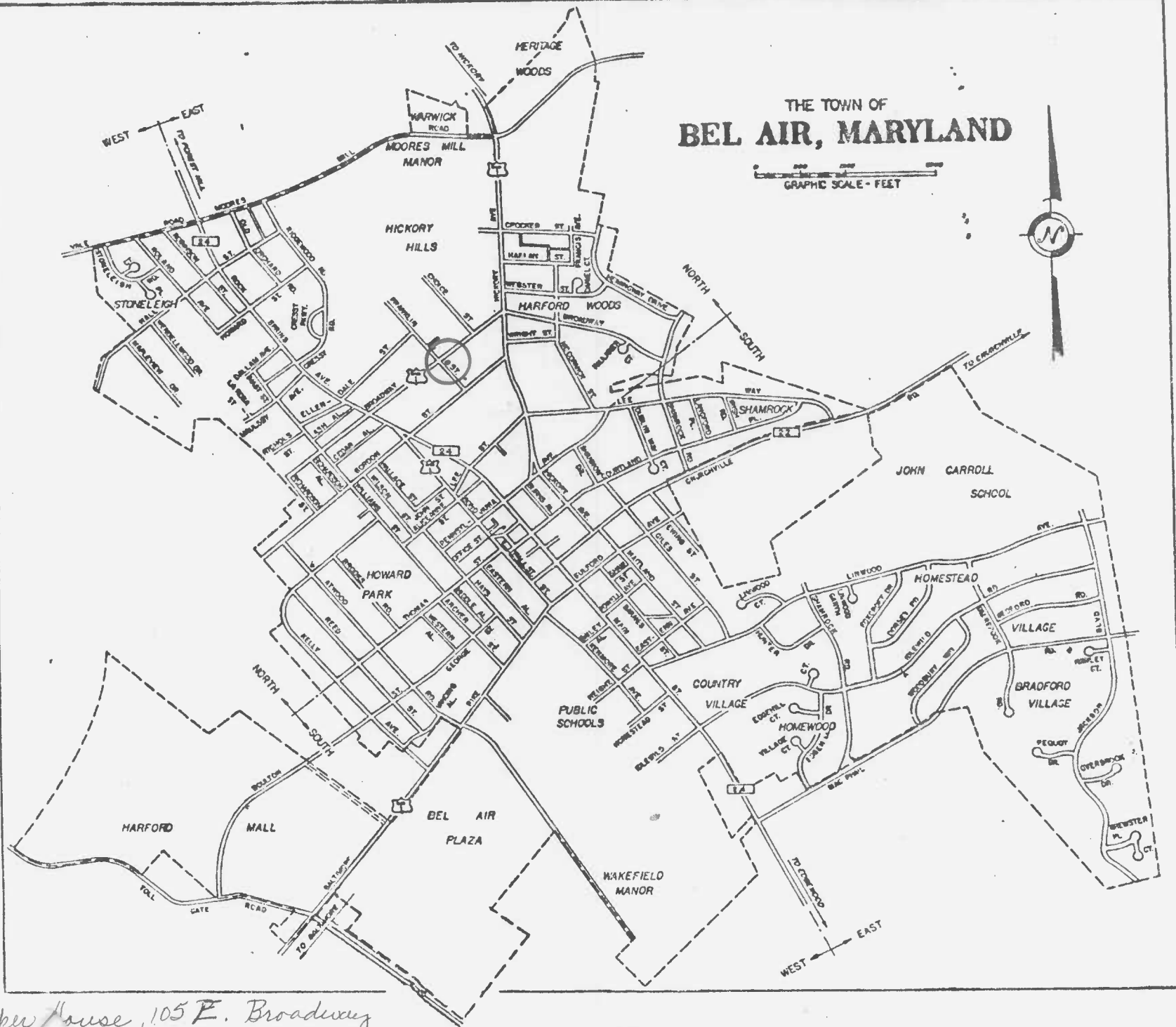
164/14                   26 April 1919  
Aquilla B. Whitaker, widower, and Josephine  
M. Whitaker, widow  
                         to  
Edwin H. W. Harlan

27/203                   27 February 1872  
William T. Munnikhuysen and Elizabeth  
                         to  
Aquilla B. Whitaker and Octavian M.  
Whitaker



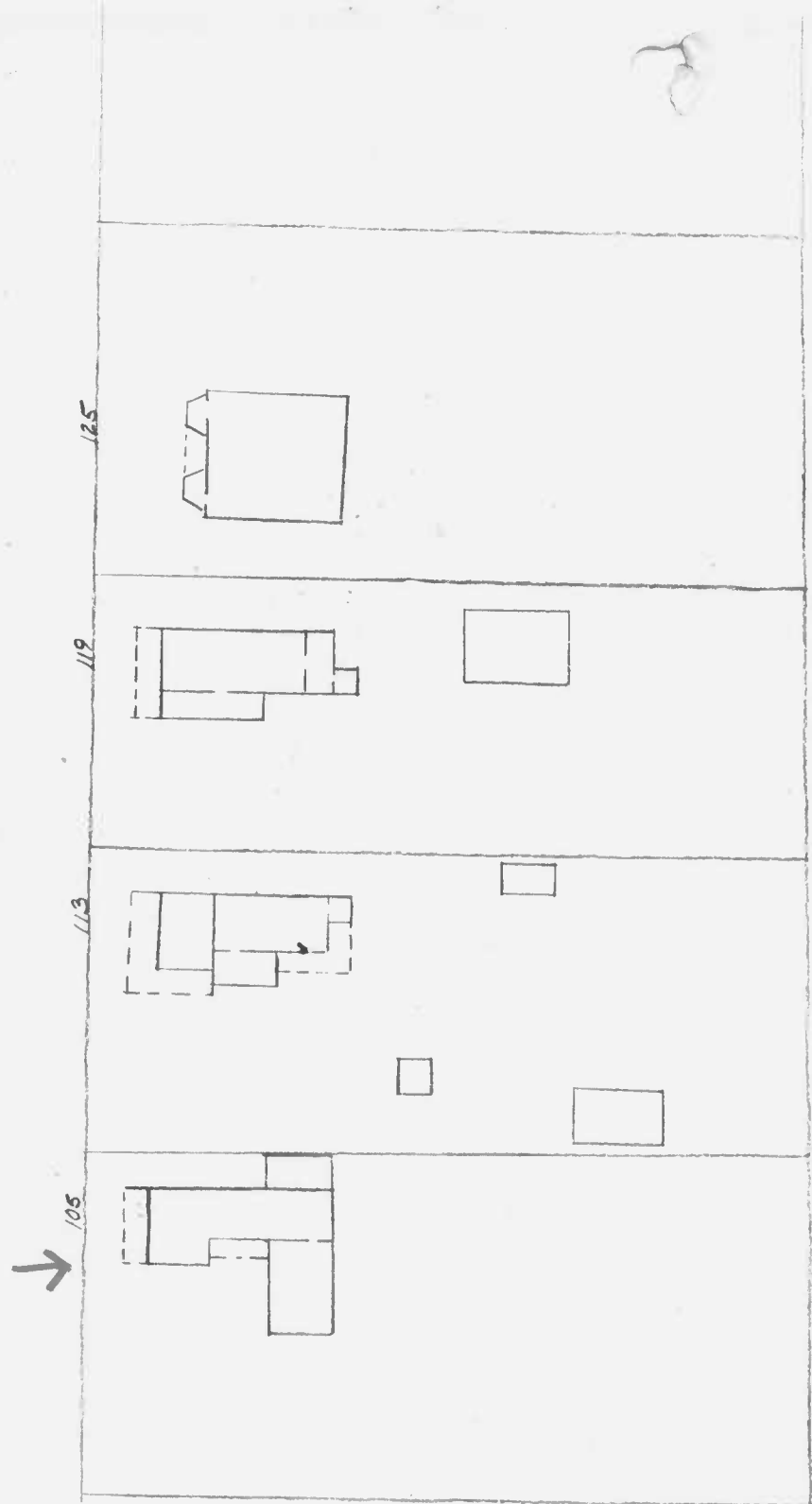
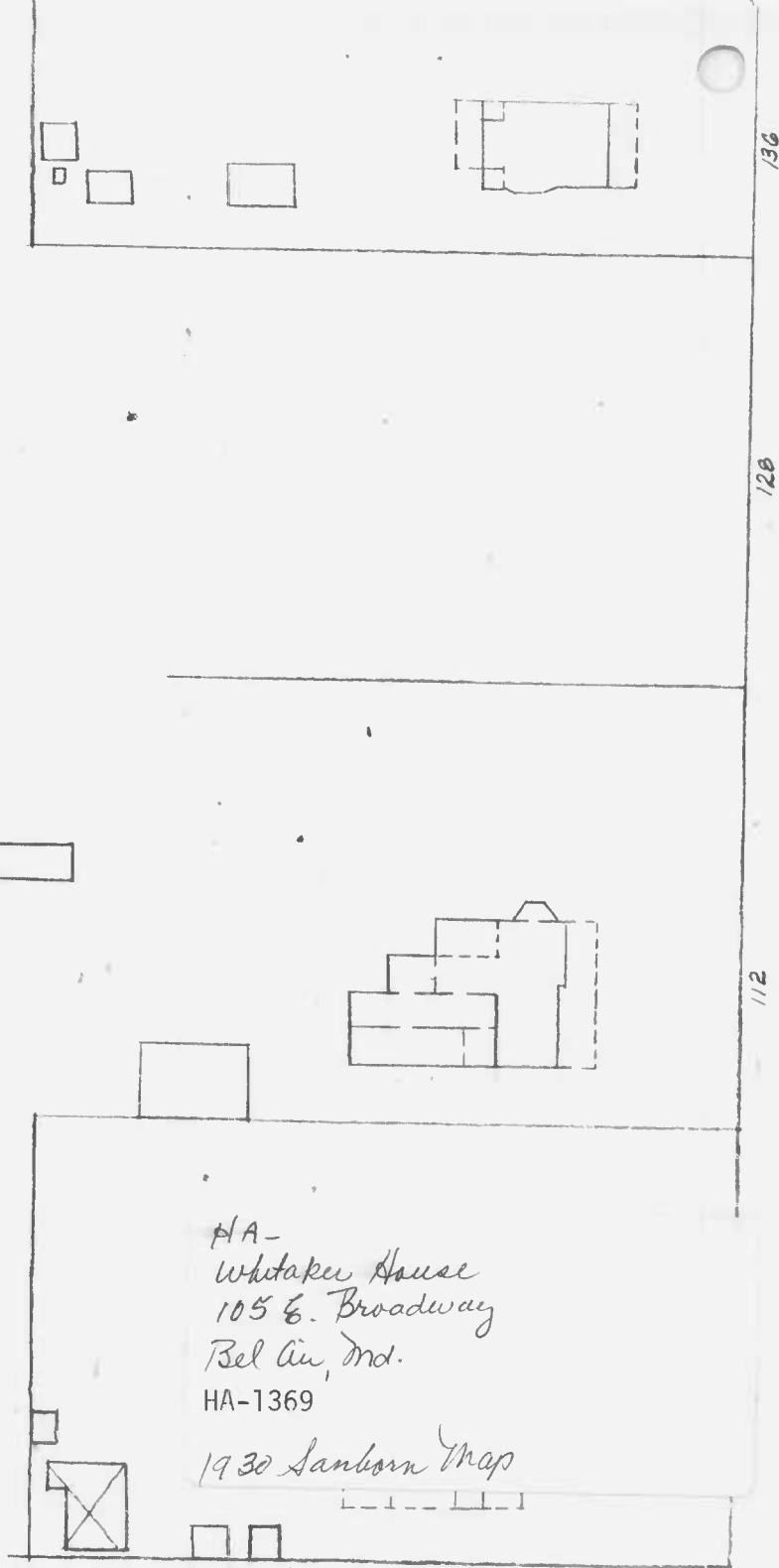
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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Whitaker House, 105 E. Broadway  
Bel Air





44-1369 Whitaker House, 105 E. Broadway, Bel Air  
e + n elev

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HA-1369

Whitaker House, 105 E. Broadway. Bel Air  
w + s elev, 1950 wing

M. Larew, 1979



LA- 1369 Whitaker House, 105 E. Broadway, Bel Air  
S. elev.

M. Larew, 1979





HA-1369

Whitaker House, 105 E. Broadway, Bel Air  
portion of w. elev + 1950 wing  
M. Larew, 1979



HA - 1369



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